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Sent: 8/5/2020 11:34:15 PM
To: Skadowski, Suzanne [Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: MEDIA INQUIRY: Alaska Public Media: Interview and comment request re Pebble Mine FEIS

Same response for this inquiry as well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2020, at 7:01 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you Molly!

Here's another slightly different inquiry from our local AP reporter:

OUTLET: Associated Press (Juneau)

REPORTER: Becky Bohrer

TOPIC: Donald Trump Jr. comments on Pebble Mine.

INQUIRY: Reporter is requesting on-the-record comment on: "The president today was asked about his son's tweet, in support of the assertion the president should direct EPA to block the Pebble Mine. The president made reference to there being a briefing in the next 48 hours and things going quickly but did not specify what the briefing would entail, what the topic would be or if EPA is poised to make an announcement. Is EPA poised to make an announcement regarding Pebble Mine? Hasn't the argument been that the process should be science-based? Can the president make such an order _ to direct EPA action in this case, since there is a process EPA is supposed to follow under 404c?"

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Subject: Re: MEDIA INQUIRY: Alaska Public Media: Interview and comment request re Pebble Mine FEIS

For questions on this use:

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On Aug 5, 2020, at 6:34 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello and Happy Wednesday!

MEDIA INQUIRY – Region 10

OUTLET: Alaska Public Media

REPORTER: Liz Ruskin

SUBJECT: Corps of Engineers' Pebble Mine FEIS that's out for public comment right now through Aug. 24.

INQUIRY: The reporter is requesting an interview with our RA Chris Hladick to hear his initial views on the FEIS.

DEADLINE: none specified

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From: Liz Ruskin <lruskin@alaskapublic.org>

Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 12:30 PM

To: Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>

Subject: Possible to hear from Chris Hladick?

Hello! I wonder if a phone interview is possible. I'm hoping to gauge his initial take on the FEIS so far.

ACOE has asserted that EPA is in lockstep with the Corps. Is that right? Does he feel the FEIS addresses all the concerns raised in the draft?

Pebble is saying "Eight federal agencies ... one final conclusion" that the impacts to salmon are not expected to be measurable. Is that EPA's conclusion?

Thanks in advance,

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From: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/4/2020 9:38:40 PM
To: James Marshall [jmarshall@eenews.net]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Trump Jr. Pebble tweet

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From: James Marshall <jmarshall@eenews.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Trump Jr. Pebble tweet

Good evening,

We have already published a story about Donald Trump Jr.'s tweets suggesting EPA block the Pebble mine. Regrettably, I learned of the tweet about 15 minutes before my 3:15 deadline, so I didn't have time to ask EPA for a reaction to the tweet.

We could update the story (attached) if EPA provides a comment on whether Trump Jr.'s stance.

Thank you,

James Marshall
Reporter, E&E News

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Message

From: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/4/2020 8:05:49 PM
To: Rachel Frazin [rfrazin@thehill.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Trump Jr. expresses opposition to Pebble Mine project

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From: Rachel Frazin <rfrazin@thehill.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Trump Jr. expresses opposition to Pebble Mine project

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Best,
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FYI, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)